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14. [] Called Tom Gunn, Senate Government Operations Committee staff, and told him that the Director would be very pleased that the exemption he had requested from the advisory committee bill, S. 3529, was routinely adopted on the Senate floor yesterday and asked if he had received any reaction from the House side. I told him we thought the House conferees would be sympathetic to our position and would contact them if either he or Jim Calloway think it would help. Gunn later reported that Senator John McClellan (D., Ark.) adamantly supported the Agency's exemption and that the House conferees were favorably disposed to it. Gunn said that the conference committee could move rapidly on the bill and that while he did not expect any challenge to our exemption, he would notify us if any problems developed. Under the circumstances, he saw no useful purpose in our approaching the House conferees directly, and I said we would defer to their judgment.

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15. [] Called Dick Schultz, House Internal Security Committee staff, and based upon the advice of [] CI Staff, told him the Agency was in no way associated with the Van Pelts or Meshon. I said we assumed he has checked with the FBI also. (See Journal of 7 September.) Mr. Schultz said that the name of the institute has also been referred to as Mershon rather than Meshon. Moreover, he said the Van Pelt's are under the impression that the institute was somehow involved with CIA and Schultz said he would just tell them that this simply is not true. []

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